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And Method Of Making Same

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**RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office  
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

This communication is responsive to the Office Action dated March 17, 2003, requiring the Applicants to elect Group I directed to Claims comprising Claims 1-8 and 20 or Group II directed to Claims 9-19 as required under 35 U.S.C. § 121.

Pursuant to the Office Action, the Applicants hereby elect to prosecute Group II directed to Claims 9-19. This election is being made without traverse. Moreover, Applicants cancel Claims ~~1-8~~ and ~~20~~ accordingly.

It is respectfully requested that the elected claims in this application are allowable and such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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